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Bradford social care colleagues shortlisted for regional awards

Two Cygnet Social Care colleagues from the Bradford district have been named as finalists in the Yorkshire and Humber region of the Great British Care Awards.

Raymond "Ray" Morrisroe, from Longfield House in Clayton, is a finalist for the Care Home Worker Award, while Karen Jones, from Cygnet Hawkstone in Keighley, has been shortlisted for the Putting People First Award.

The Great British Care Awards celebrate excellence across the social care sector and recognise the individuals and teams whose compassion, commitment and innovation make a difference to people's lives.

Ray has worked in social care for 15 years and has been recognised for his dedication to delivering high-quality, person-centred support. The Care Home Worker Award celebrates colleagues who treat every individual with dignity and respect, promote independence and consistently go above and beyond in their role.

He said: "I feel very proud that my work has been recognised and acknowledged. I feel very overwhelmed and surprised that I have been nominated for just doing my job.

"I've been in a supporting role for 15 years and still have the enthusiasm for it and enjoy it."

Longfield House is a specialist residential service in Clayton supporting adults with learning disabilities and associated complex needs. The Cygnet Social Care service comprises a five-bed home and four individual flats, enabling people to receive support in an environment suited to their needs and level of independence.

Karen's shortlisting for the Putting People First Award recognises her commitment to empowering the people she supports to exercise greater choice and control over their lives.

The category celebrates creative, person-centred approaches which respond to each person's individual needs, preferences and aspirations and lead to a measurable improvement in their quality of life.

Hawkstone, on Shann Lane in Keighley, is a specialist residential service supporting adults with learning disabilities.

Gareth Williams, CEO of Cygnet Social Care, said: "Ray and Karen thoroughly deserve this recognition. Their respective shortlistings reflect the compassion, commitment and person-centred values they bring to their work every day.

"Everyone at Cygnet is incredibly proud of them, and we wish them both the very best for the awards."

The Yorkshire and Humber regional awards ceremony will be held at the Royal Armouries in Leeds on Friday 6 November 2026, with regional winners progressing to the Great British Care Awards National Final.